



Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 IBSGP?

The purpose of the FY 2010 IBSGP is to provide funding to create a sustainable program for the protection of intercity bus systems and the traveling public from terrorism. The program seeks to assist operators of fixed route intercity and charter bus services in obtaining the resources required to support security measures such as enhanced planning, facility security upgrades and vehicle and driver protection.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 IBSGP?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 IBSGP will be \$11,520,000.

3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 IBSGP?

The program supports intercity bus initiatives that strengthen emergency operations planning and citizen protection capabilities and helps address security priorities, including, but not limited to:

- Development of assessments or security plans
- Operating and capital costs associated with over-the-road bus security awareness, preparedness and response training, including training for front-line employees for potential security threats and conditions (must be DHS-approved training courses)
- Live or simulated exercises for the purpose of assessing and improving the capabilities of entities to prevent, prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism (must be DHS-approved exercises)
- Public awareness campaigns for enhanced over-the-road bus security (must be DHS-approved)
- Modifying over-the-road buses to increase their security
- Installing cameras and video surveillance equipment on over-the-road buses and at terminals, garages and over-the-road bus facilities
- Hardening and modifying terminals, garages and facilities, including terminals and other over-the-road bus facilities owned by state or local governments, to increase their security

4. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 IBSGP funds?

Eligible applicants under the FY 2010 IBSGP are owners and operators of fixed route intercity and charter buses that serve Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) jurisdictions. Charter companies must make a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more UASI jurisdictions to be eligible. Tier I consists of companies with 250 or more over-the-road buses in operation that provide the highest volume of services to high-risk urban areas. Tier II consists of all other applicants that meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

5. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 IBSGP?

The key milestones associated with IBSGP are:

- December 8, 2009: IBSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA

6. How will the FY 2010 IBSGP funds be allocated?

Bus companies will compete for funds within their designated tiers. Recipients will be selected through a competitive process based on the ratings of the National Review Panel.

7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 IBSGP?

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

8. Where is the FY 2010 IBSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2010 IBSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

9. How will the FY 2010 IBSGP applications be submitted?

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

11. What is the FY 2010 IBSGP period of performance?

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.